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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-captioned patent application prior to examination on the merits as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the Title, please insert the following section:

**-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

a1  
This patent application is a National Phase Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, claiming the benefit of priority of PCT/CA99/00364, filed April 16, 1999, which claims the benefit of priority of Canadian Application Serial No. 2,228,821, filed April 16, 1998, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.--